

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a dual power belt in a press having a heatable first planar mold half and a heatable second planar mold half, the method comprising the steps of:
providing first teeth-forming recesses in said first planar mold half and providing second teeth-forming recesses in said second planar mold half;
building a belt slab comprising tooth forming material positioned between first and second layers of tooth facing fabric;
positioning said belt slab between said first and second planar mold halves; and,
forcing said tooth forming material into said tooth-forming recesses in said first and second planar mold halves whereby said first layer of facing fabric is pushed into said teeth-forming recesses in said first mold half ahead of said tooth stock material and said second layer of facing fabric is pushed into said teeth-forming recesses in said second mold half ahead of said tooth stock material.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of building a belt slab further comprises: positioning a cord layer between said first and second layers of tooth facing fabric.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of building a belt slab further comprises: positioning a barrier layer between said first and second layers of tooth facing fabric.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of building a belt slab further comprises:

positioning a cord layer between said first and second layers of tooth facing fabric and adjacent to said first layer of tooth facing fabric; and,
positioning a barrier layer between said first and second layers of tooth facing fabric and adjacent to said cord layer.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the step of forcing said tooth stock material into said teeth-forming recesses in said first and second mold halves comprises:

forcing a first portion of said tooth stock material to flow through said barrier layer and through said cord layer and into said first power teeth-forming recesses; and,

forcing a second portion of said tooth stock material to flow into said second power teeth-forming recesses without passing through said cord layer.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of building a belt slab comprises forming said belt slab into a cylinder prior to said step of positioning said belt slab.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of: providing means for accommodating excess tooth stock material.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein said step of providing means for accommodating excess tooth stock material includes providing an edge channel in said first mold half.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 wherein said step of providing means for accommodating excess tooth stock material includes providing a waste pocket [[is]] in said first mold half.

10. Cancelled.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a dual power belt comprising the steps of:
providing first teeth-forming recesses in said first planar mold half and providing second teeth-forming recesses in said second planar mold half;
providing waste pocket in said first planar mold half;
building a belt slab comprising first and second layers of tooth facing fabric and a tensile member and tooth forming material positioned between said first and second layers of tooth facing fabric, said tooth forming material having a volume sufficient to fill said first and second teeth-forming recesses and generating excess material;
positioning said belt slab between said first and second planar mold halves; and,
forcing said tooth forming material into said tooth-forming recesses in said first and second planar mold halves by decreasing a distance therebetween to a predetermined distance whereby said first layer of facing fabric is pushed into said teeth-forming recesses in said first mold half ahead of said tooth forming material and said second layer of facing fabric is pushed into said teeth-forming recesses in said second planar mold half ahead of said tooth forming material; and
accommodating said excess material in said waste pocket.

12. Withdrawn.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a synchronous drive belt comprising the steps of:
providing first teeth-forming recesses in said first planar mold half;
providing a second planar mold half;
providing waste pocket in said first planar mold half;
building a belt slab comprising first and second layers of tooth facing fabric and a tensile member and tooth forming material positioned between said first and second layers of tooth facing fabric, said tooth forming material having a volume sufficient to fill said first and second teeth-forming recesses and generating excess material; positioning said belt slab between said first and second planar mold halves; and,
forcing said tooth forming material into said tooth-forming recesses in said first mold half by decreasing a distance between said first and second mold halves to a predetermined

distance whereby said first layer of facing fabric is pushed into said teeth-forming recesses in said first planar mold half ahead of said tooth forming material; and
accommodating said excess material in said waste pocket.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising the steps of: deflashing said excess material after said belt has cured.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of deflashing said excess material after said belt has cured includes grinding said waste pocket.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the step of deflashing said excess material after said belt has cured includes milling said waste pocket.